

FAIRFIELDS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11 Gladius Grove
Fairfields
Milton Keynes
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Minutes of Meeting Held 6.30pm at Fairfields Sports Hub, 13th October 2022

	Action
<p>Statement by Chairman of meeting – As from 1st October 2022 Fairfields Parish Council has resolved to change its style to Fairfields Community Council and this should now be used in all communications.</p> <p>Item 1. Members present</p> <p>Cllr I Hunt - Chairman Cllr J Walsh Cllr D Nicholas</p> <p>Mrs J Nicholas - Clerk</p> <p>5 members of the public</p>	
<p>Item 2. Apologies</p> <p>Accepted unanimously from Cllr E Martin Ward Cllr J Hearnshaw</p> <p>2 Prospective Councillors</p>	
<p>Item 3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest</p> <p>All councillors present acknowledged that they may have an interest in all policies discussed but non felt it should prevent them from voting.</p>	
<p>Item 4. Public Time - Questions had been requested to be sent in prior to the meeting</p> <p>No questions had been received prior to the meeting</p> <p>Questions were taken from the floor</p>	

<p>Question 1 - What is happening about the bunker in the scrub land next to the V4 as it is a hazard and should be removed Answer – Paul vanGeete will check at MKC to see what plans there are and report back</p> <p>Question 2 Can a bus stop be installed on the V4 close to Fairfields entrance in each direction Answer – Clerk will discuss with Ward Councillor J Marklew</p> <p>Question 3 - What is happening about the footpath through to Tudor Gardens now that the weather has changed it is a quagmire. Answer Paul vanGeete will find out the latest position and report back</p>	<p>PvG</p> <p>Clerk/JM</p> <p>PvG</p>
<p>Item 5. Minutes of previous Meeting of Council</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting on 8th September 2022 were approved and they were signed off as correct by the Chairman</p>	
<p>Item 6. Reports</p> <p>Cllr I Hunt –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More signatories are still required on the 20mph survey. This will be put on Facebook again to try to bring the numbers up to 100. • Neighbourhood Watch has gone very quiet • Litter pick – it was decided that the next litter pick would be on the 6th November at 11am meeting at Allhallows Play Park • Yam Tams posting on facebook re shop – they have been asked to remove council’s motif as it looks as if they are being endorsed by council <p>Cllr D Nicholas –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Problem in Marcellus with amenity land fenced off Householder has been given ultimatum by MKC to either take down fence or apply for planning permission. No further information from MKC. • Problem with Balbina Way the resident has not made his car port into a garage by hanging a garage door on the entrance but has fenced off part of amenity land to the rear of their property. <p>Cllr J Walsh –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website - Still Waiting for appointment with Cloudy to discuss their proposal. • Public Art meeting to be held at Lillys café shortly <p>Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters sent to 19 Allotment plot holders regarding non-cultivation. 10 have either commenced work or vacated plot. 9 to be issued with final letter. • Benches delivered and installed • Dog bin for new area on order due 7th November 	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p>

<p>Item 7 Christmas Community events including Fireworks and Christmas were discussed and it was decided that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr I Hunt would talk to school about Christmas events to see if we could collaborate. Would also contact Round Table in Stony Stratford re Santa and his sledge. • Clerk would contact Barratts re siting the “Tommys” • Cllr J Walsh would continue with the Brass Band idea and cost out their requirements, she would also attend the MKC briefing on where and how Christmas lights can be hung around the streets. • Other ideas included Christmas advent windows and Carols by torchlight 	<p>Chairman Clerk JW</p>
<p>Item 8 MKC, Developers & Sports Hub</p> <p>No one was available from Developers or Sports Hub for this meeting</p> <p>Paul vanGeete from MKC reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Friday 21st a decision is expected regarding the shop and cafe planning application. Barratts would then make a start on the construction. • Street lights for the road up to the sports hub and along the perimeter footpath to Maximus Court - The order has been placed along with the resurfacing of the road up to the hub. which has already commenced • Plans for the Community meeting place will be worked on during the winter so that construction can start once the shops are well underway. • Procurement for the play park LP4 is underway and work will start shortly • A question was asked from the floor about the Whitehouse farmhouse and barns. This was answered as the Farmhouse will be re-developed but the barns are not in a good state and will have to be demolished 	
<p>Item 9. Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Finance reports for September were approved b) Payment authorisations for September were approved and signed according to the bank mandate by Cllr J Walsh and Cllr I Hunt c) Allotments. It was decided that once all plots had been vacated and waiting list cleared plots left would be offered to existing tenants who would like a second plot and also a swap would be offered to those with difficult size or shapes of plots. Any vacant plots would then be covered in tarpaulin at the cost of approximately £40 each to stop weeds regrowing. 	<p>Clerk</p>

<p>Item 10 Budget 2023/2024</p> <p>A first draft of the budget for 2023/2024 had been produced and councillors were asked to come forward with ideas for projects to be included in the budget before the next Council meeting so that they can be costed</p>	<p>All Cllrs</p>
<p>Item 11 Policies</p> <p>Statutory policies with name changed were approved Financial Regulations Standing Orders Code of Conduct</p> <p>No other changes were to be made</p>	
<p>Item 12 Planning</p> <p>A letter had been circulated to all residents regarding the extension of the original plans for the Western Expansion Areas 10 and 11. This was explained and only one comment was made regarding the Travel Plan and a possibility of a school bus.</p>	
<p>Item 13 Next meeting Thursday 10th November 2022</p>	

Meeting closed 7.55pm

Signed.....Chairman